GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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EXTORTION BY EXTREMIST IN NE REGION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether terrorist/extremist outfits have been reported to be involved in extortions and kidnappings in the North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details of the cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year;and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check such activities in the said region?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLAY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): There are reports of various militant organizations/groups indulging in extortion and kidnappings in some North Eastern States Whenever specific cases in respect of such activities are reported, cases are registered and action, as necessary, is taken. Details of cases reported are not centrally maintained.

(c): Concerted efforts are being made by the State Government in the region to counter such activities of the groups. The Central Government is supplementing their efforts through various measures such as deployment of additional Central Security Forces for carrying out intensive counter insurgency operations and providing security for vulnerable installations and projects, based on threat assessments; sharing of intelligence; financial assistance for strengthening of the local Police Forces and intelligence agencies under the Police Modernization scheme; assistance for strengthening various aspects of security apparatus and other aspects of anti-militancy operations by way of reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure; raising of additional Forces in the form of India Reserve Battalions; etc. The Central Government is maintaining close and continuous coordination with the State Government in the region.